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States of Origin for Estimated Major Movements of  
Fresh Fruits and Vegetables During the Month of December, 1946

Refrigerator car loadings in California, Idaho and the Pacific Northwest were below the estimates predicted last month. This was brought about by heavy rains, low temperatures and dull markets. Citrus shipments from Florida and Texas, also potato shipments from many of the producing areas, were off due to market conditions. These conditions have improved somewhat at the present time and greatly increased loading is now predicted in California and the Pacific Northwest. The fall citrus and vegetable crops are now commencing to move in volume, with record production indicated of both. California navel oranges commenced to move in volume the last half of November. With the contemplated heavy movement of fruits and vegetables in addition to the other perishable and semi-perishable commodities, indications are that the car supply will be tight in all areas.

According to estimates made by the BAE it is now apparent that the production of all truck crops for the entire year - winter, spring, summer and fall - will be a record high, probably about one-tenth greater than in 1945 and two-fifths above the 1935-44 average. New records are indicated for celery, cauliflower, eggplant, honey dew melons, lettuce, onions, green peppers and tomatoes. With a late fall permitting most commercial truck crops in northern and eastern areas to mature without freeze damage, tonnage of fall vegetables is expected to be about 10 per cent greater than the high record of last fall. Eight of the 13 fall crops are expected to exceed all previous records for production, and the indicated carrot crop was exceeded only in 1943 and 1945.

Harvest of the largest tonnage of deciduous fruits ever recorded was practically completed in all commercial areas during October. Production of the nine deciduous fruits has been estimated at 19 percent above 1945, fourteen percent above the average and 2 percent above the previous record in 1937. Also a record citrus production is indicated for harvest this fall, winter and next summer, about 13 percent more than the previous record total for last year's crop and approximately 56 percent greater than the average.

Our estimates indicate that approximately 76,806 carloads of fresh fruits and vegetables will be shipped during the month of December 1946, compared with a revised estimate of 75,798 cars in November 1946, and an increase of 3.2 percent as compared with the 74,446 cars shipped during December 1945.

Carload shipments of fresh fruits and vegetables to originate in the North Pacific Region during December 1946, have been estimated to reach 12,258 carloads. Those that will move in volume are shown below:

North Pacific Region

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Estimated carloads</u>		
	<u>Washington</u>	<u>Oregon</u>	<u>Idaho</u>
Apples	4,200	390	400
Carrots	30	40	5
Beets	-	45	-
Cabbage	10	20	-
Mixed Deciduous Fruits	35	40	-
Mixed Vegetables	5	3	35
Onions	25	95	250
Pears	550	700	-
Potatoes	230	1,100	4,000
Turnips & Rutabagas	50	-	-

Fresh fruits and vegetables estimated to move in volume in carload lots from the South Pacific Region during December 1946, are as follows:

South Pacific Region

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Estimated carloads</u>	
	<u>California</u>	<u>Arizona</u>
Apples	95	-
Carrots	575	390
Cauliflower	925	25
Celery	2,200	-
Broccoli	70	10
Cabbage	25	70
Grapefruit	75	300
Grapes	400	-
Greens, except Spinach	75	-
Lemons	980	-



South Pacific Region (cont'd)

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Estimated carloads</u>	
	<u>California</u>	<u>Arizona</u>
Lettuce & Romaine	2,700	4,100
Mixed Citrus Fruits	20	90
Mixed Vegetables	1,365	1,200
Onions	16	-
Oranges & Satsumas	3,800	300
Pears	80	-
Peas, green	70	-
Potatoes	1,000	-
Sweetpotatoes	50	-

Total estimated rail shipments of fresh fruits and vegetables to originate in the Rocky Mountain Region during December 1946, will approximate 2,045 carloads. Of this total 72 percent will originate in Colorado and 20 percent in Utah, while the balance, or 8 percent originate in Montana and Wyoming. The shipments to originate in Montana will aggregate about 80 cars of potatoes and Wyoming will originate 102 cars of potatoes. The major carload shipments estimated to originate in Colorado and Utah are listed below by commodities:

Rocky Mountain Region

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Estimated carloads</u>	
	<u>Colorado</u>	<u>Utah</u>
Cabbage	25	110
Mixed Vegetables	30	10
Onions	310	35
Potatoes	1,100	250

Carload shipments of fresh fruits and vegetables to originate in the North Central Region during December 1946, are estimated to be 2,555. About 92 percent of these movements will consist of potatoes. The potato shipments will originate as follows: 1,000 cars from Nebraska; 800 cars from North Dakota; 500 cars from Minnesota; 50 cars from South Dakota, and 10 cars from Iowa. The only other important shipments will approximate 115 cars of onions, 30 cars of mixed vegetables and 25 cars of cabbage from Minnesota.

Principal carload shipments of fresh fruits and vegetables to originate in the Southwestern Region (excluding Texas) during December 1946, will total about 995. Those to move in volume are estimated to be 900 cars of sweetpotatoes, 25 cars of oranges, 20 cars of mixed vegetables and 10 cars of mixed citrus fruits from Louisiana.

The estimated carload shipments of fresh fruits and vegetables to originate in the Great Lakes Region in December 1946 will approximate 1,950. The major movements are listed below by commodities and States:

Great Lakes Region

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Estimated carloads</u>				
	<u>Illinois</u>	<u>Indiana</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>Michigan</u>	<u>Wisconsin</u>
Apples	55	2	-	15	-
Carrots	20	-	1	30	10
Cabbage	2	-	-	15	200
Cranberries	-	-	-	-	60
Mixed Vegetables	60	-	-	1	5
Onions	15	55	3	220	45
Potatoes	5	15	-	800	275

Shipments of fresh fruits and vegetables to originate in the New England Region in December 1946 will approximate 6,630 carloads. These will consist chiefly of 6,500 cars of potatoes from Maine. In addition, it is estimated that 50 cars of cranberries, 40 cars of potatoes and 10 cars each of apples and carrots will originate in Massachusetts. Connecticut will originate 25 cars of potatoes.

December 1946 carload shipments of fresh fruits and vegetables to originate in the Middle Atlantic States will approximate 4,195. About 85 percent of these carload movements will originate in New York State and 9 percent in West Virginia. The balance will be distributed throughout the States of Maryland, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware, and will consist chiefly of apple and potato shipments as follows. For apples, West Virginia will originate about 340 carloads; Pennsylvania, 70; Delaware 20, and Maryland 10. Pennsylvania and New Jersey will originate about 80 and 10 cars, respectively, of potatoes. New Jersey shipments

will approximate 10 cars of cranberries and 70 cars of sweetpotatoes. The principal movements for New York follow:

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Estimated carloads</u>	
	<u>New York State</u>	
Apples	30	
Carrots	250	
Cauliflower	90	
Celery	60	
Beets	57	
Cabbage	1,585	
Mixed Vegetables	100	
Onions	500	
Potatoes	900	

Principal carload shipments to originate in the Southern Region (excluding Florida) during December 1946, are estimated to be as follows:

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Estimated carloads</u>			
	<u>Georgia</u>	<u>North Carolina</u>	<u>South Carolina</u>	<u>Virginia</u>
Apples	-	-	-	680
Broccoli	-	5	40	-
Cabbage	-	-	140	5
Greens, except Spinach	60	-	-	--
Mixed Vegetables	25	20	-	60
Spinach	-	-	-	75
Sweetpotatoes	10	60	35	10

In addition to the above, 35 cars of sweetpotatoes are expected to originate in Tennessee, and 10 cars each in Mississippi and Kentucky. Ten cars of mixed vegetables will also originate in Mississippi.

Important carload shipments of fresh fruits and vegetables to originate in Texas and Florida during December 1946 are estimated as follows:

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Estimated carloads</u>	
	<u>Texas</u>	<u>Florida</u>
Beans, snap & lima	-	350
Carrots	345	--
Celery	-	440
Beets	60	-
Cabbage	315	310
Escarole	-	250
Grapefruit	2,800	1,400
Lettuce & Romaine	-	40
Mixed Citrus Fruits	1,320	3,650
Mixed Vegetables	1,710	910
Oranges & Satsumas	750	4,700
Peppers, green	120	90
Potatoes	5	200
Spinach	850	20
Sweetpotatoes	130	--
Tantherines	10	1,800
Tomatoes	510	660

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